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### CHINESE NEW YEAR | MONKEYING AROUND



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**JOY RIDE:** A girl gets a ride in a sedan chair at the Temple of the Earth fair in Beijing on Wednesday, the eve of the Chinese New Year. Temples across the city are holding festivals to celebrate the Year of the Monkey, which begins Thursday. **D.C. celebrates:** Local monkey business | Page 16

## Sharon Bribe Scandal

### Developer charged with paying for Israeli PM's help

**TEL AVIV, ISRAEL** | An Israeli court charged a real-estate developer Wednesday with paying more than a half-million dollars in bribes to Ariel Sharon — a case that could force the prime minister to step down.

While Sharon has not been charged, Justice Ministry officials say they are considering whether to indict the Israeli leader. The officials say the decision is expected in the coming weeks or months.

Sharon's spokesman Asaf Shariv would not comment on the case except to say: "I can

guarantee there will not be an indictment."

David Appel was indicted in the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court for allegedly giving Sharon \$690,000 to promote a tourism project in Greece and also to help rezone urban land near Tel Aviv before and during Sharon's term as prime minister.

Appel's lawyer, Moshe Israel, denied the charges.

The indictment prompted opposition politicians to urge Sharon's immediate resignation. But despite the fact that a leadership struggle in the ruling Likud Party already was brewing, his party was expected to stand fast behind Sharon — at least for now.

PETER ENAV (AP)

## Record Industry Sues 532 Music Swappers

**WASHINGTON** | The recording industry on Wednesday sued 532 computer users it said were illegally distributing songs over the Internet, the first lawsuits since a federal appeals court blocked the use of special copyright subpoenas to identify targets.

The action represents the most lawsuits filed at one time since the Recording Industry Association of America launched its campaign last summer to cripple music piracy.

Music lawyers filed the newest cases against "John Doe" defendants — identified only by their numeric Internet protocol addresses — and expected to work through the courts to learn their names and where they live. TED BRIDIS (AP)

**CRIME | Saved by a Stapler** When DeAnna Rankins, a tax preparer in Des Moines, Iowa, was accosted at work by a robber last week, she defended herself with the only weapon she had — a stapler. The man walked into Rankins's branch of



the Jackson Hewitt Tax Service and demanded money. Rankins raised her stapler and warned, "I will fight you," causing him to flee. "I felt the power of the Lord," Rankins told the Des Moines Register. "I would have stapled him." (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

# EyeOpeners

## LAW

## A Real Snoozer

Two men convicted of plotting what would have been Britain's biggest robbery lost their bid for a legal appeal Wednesday, even though the judge in their trial admitted to falling asleep during closing arguments. Raymond Betson and William Cockran each were jailed for 18 years in February 2002 for plotting to steal diamonds worth \$360 million from London's Millennium Dome in 2000. Lawyer Edmond Romilly said that Judge Michael Coombe not only fell asleep, he snored as well, "deflecting the jury's attention." (AP)

## HEARSAY | BAD COW

"I knew it was a dead cow because she was stinking."

— SHERIFF H. LEE HART

OF CULPEPER COUNTY, VA., ON A 1,200 POUND COW CARCASS DISCOVERED MONDAY IN A COUNTY PARKING LOT. OFFICIALS SAY THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE THE COW CAME FROM.



MARTIN MEJIA/AP

## BUSINESS

## Nothing But Art

Aside from the artwork scattered throughout the site, there's not much to see at Fausto Jaulis's hillside workshop in Peru. The 37-year-old sculptor shares his desert land some 12 miles outside Peru's capital, Lima, with several other artists — none of whom are formally trained. Despite the unadorned nature of his workspace, Jaulis's stone and concrete sculptures are a favorite among Lima's interior designers, often selling for more than \$1,000 apiece. (AP)

## DELICACIES

## Good to the Last Dropping

SARS fears have stopped the Chinese from eating civet cats. But that hasn't turned off others from sipping the strangest of brews — one they insist is made from coffee beans eaten, partially digested and then excreted by the weasel-like animals. Cafes in Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines and elsewhere sell coffee

they claim is a mix of regular beans and those that have passed through civets. Skeptics dismiss the fad as an unverifiable marketing gimmick. (AP)



AP

## FOOD

## Which White Meat?

The National Pork Board says there's something fishy about the use of the slogan "The Other White Meat" to promote Gloucester, Mass. The nation's oldest fishing port displayed the phrase on its Web site under a picture of a cod. Board spokeswoman Cindy Cunningham told the Gloucester Daily Times that if the city doesn't pull the slogan, which the pork group has trademarked, "it probably would be litigated." (AP)

## RESCUES

## Chilled Kegs

It wasn't easy, but Russian troops on Tuesday retrieved 10 tons of beer from a frozen Siberian river. A truck carrying the beer fell through the ice while trying to cross the Irtysh River. Although the driver and his partner escaped, the beer sank. The kegs were rescued after a weeklong operation that included efforts by six divers, 10 men with electric saws and a modified T-72 tank, the BBC reports. The truck remains submerged. (EXPRESS)

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## In Brief

## WASHINGTON

**House Panel Urges Plan in Case of Catastrophic Attack**

A House committee recommended legislation Wednesday that would provide for fast special elections if a terrorist attack killed or incapacitated many House members. The measure would require elections within 45 days if the speaker of the House announces that vacancies in the 435-member chamber exceed 100. (AP)

## BOSTON

**Study: Police in Mass. Issue More Tickets to Minorities**

A detailed state survey on racial profiling shows minorities were disproportionately ticketed by Massachusetts law enforcement agencies. The data, compiled from April 2001 to June 2003 by Northeastern University's Institute on Race and Justice and released Tuesday, shows that 247 of the 341 agencies studied gave a greater proportion of tickets to minorities than expected given the racial makeup of the driving population. (AP)

## BOULDER, COLO.

**Student Site Logs Complaints About Liberal Professors**

Republican students at the University of Colorado have launched a Web site to gather complaints about left-leaning faculty members, saying they want to document discrimination against conservative students and indoctrination to the liberal viewpoint. Most faculty and many Democrats deny liberal indoctrination exists on campuses. (AP)

# Bush Takes Message on the Road

## President touts job training, education plans

TOLEDO, OHIO | President Bush, on the defensive about jobs as he campaigns for re-election, said Wednesday "there are still troubled times" in states like Ohio as he touted his plan for retraining laid-off workers for new careers.

Democrats derided the approach as meager in an economy that has shed 2.3 million jobs during the Bush presidency.

A day after his State of the Union address, Bush began an overnight trip to three states important to his re-election strategy — Ohio, Arizona and New Mexico. He highlighted the economy as well as the war on terrorism, which polls say is his strongest suit with voters.

Since Bush took office, Ohio's unemployment rate has jumped from 3.9 percent to 5.7 percent, with

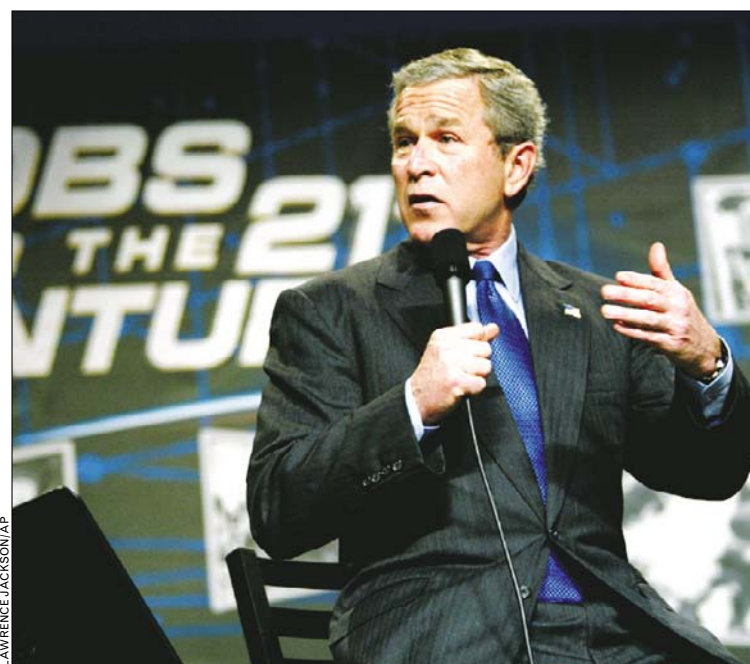
heavy losses in manufacturing.

"Nationwide this economy is strong," Bush said at Owens Community College near Toledo. "I fully recognize in Ohio there are still troubled times. The manufacturing sector here is sluggish at best, and therefore people are looking for work."

No Republican has ever won the White House without Ohio, and Bush's trip marked his 14th visit to the state. In the last election, he carried Ohio by 3.5 percentage points.

Bush said his \$500 million "Jobs for the 21st Century" plan would spur employment. From Ohio, Bush flew to Arizona to make the same argument at Mesa Community College outside Phoenix.

JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)



President Bush discusses his plan to earmark money for job training and education during a stop Wednesday at Owens Community College in Perrysburg Township, Ohio.

## Democrats Assail Bush's Address

WASHINGTON | Democrats seeking to challenge President Bush in his bid for re-election used his State of the Union address to tout their own proposals and question whether the president could be trusted on the war on terrorism and homefront economic issues.

"I don't agree with his premise that the war in Iraq was part of the war on terror," Wesley Clark told NBC's "Today" on Wednesday. "We really don't know why we went to war with Saddam Hussein."

Bush told the nation Tuesday



Retired Gen. Wesley Clark criticizes the Iraq war during a speech Wednesday at the University of New Hampshire.

night that the war on terrorism was not over. Clark commented, "It might have been if he'd stayed in

Afghanistan instead of taking us into Iraq to go after Saddam Hussein."

John Kerry, who watched the speech in the home of supporters in New Hampshire, said Bush failed to deliver on a promise to create 250,000 jobs last month when only 1,000 new jobs were recorded. "Americans should be able to trust that what the president tells them is true," he said.

"After four years in office, this president still doesn't understand what's happening in living rooms across this country," Kerry said. (AP)

## TRAIL MIX

The Democratic presidential candidates worked to gain ground in New Hampshire Wednesday:

→ **Sen. John Kerry** said he favors allowing cheaper prescription drugs into the country from Canada and using the buying power of the federal government to drive down drug prices.  
→ Former Vermont Gov. **Howard Dean** called for lowering the limit on individual campaign contributions from \$2,000 to \$250 and for increasing the share of campaign financing paid for by taxpayers.

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## Nation

# ACLU Blasts Terror Database

Group says documents  
prove crime-fighting  
tool poses privacy threat

NEW YORK | A seven-state crime database launched with \$12 million in federal funds is a more powerful threat to privacy than its organizers acknowledge, the American Civil Liberties Union alleged Wednesday after obtaining documents relating to the program.

The law enforcement officials and private database company behind the Multistate Anti-Terrorism

Information Exchange, or Matrix, contend it is merely an investigative tool that helps police quickly gather already-available information on suspects.

But the ACLU and other privacy advocates allege that the program too closely resembles a scrapped Pentagon program that aimed to mine a vast pool of data to spot patterns useful in terrorism investigations. Congress cut off funding last year for the so-called Total Information Awareness program after a privacy outcry.

Matrix lets states share crimi-

nal, prison and vehicle information with each other and cross-reference it with up to 20 billion records in databases held by Seisint Inc. The Seisint records include people's property, boats and Internet domains, their address history, utility connections, bankruptcies, civil court history, liens and business filings.

For now the project involves Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Utah, though not all those states are using the system yet. In all, about 450 law enforcement agents can access Matrix, Jester said. BRIAN BERGSTEIN (AP)

### ABORTION DEBATE | VISUAL PROTEST



**MAKING HIS CASE:** Charlie Harper hammers crosses into the grounds of St. Marys Catholic Church in Farmington, N.M., on Wednesday. Harper and other church members placed hundreds of crosses, meant to represent abortions performed, the day before the anniversary of the Jan. 22, 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion.

# Court Backs EPA Over States in Clean Air Case

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that the federal Environmental Protection Agency can override state officials and order some anti-pollution measures that may be more costly.

The 5-4 decision, a victory for environmentalists, found the EPA did not go too far when it overruled a decision by Alaska regulators, who wanted to let operators of the Red Dog Mine, which produces zinc and lead, use cheaper

anti-pollution technology for power generation.

The four justices who dissented said the ruling undercut the states' power to control their environmental policies.

The Clean Air Act allows state officials to make some decisions involving facilities within their borders, but still gives the EPA wide authority to enforce the anti-pollution law passed by Congress in 1970. ANNE GEARAN (AP)

# Veneman Defends U.S. Beef Supply

WASHINGTON | Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman defended the Bush administration's response to the first mad cow case in the United States, telling a congressional panel Wednesday that restoring U.S. beef exports is a top priority.

While the first U.S. case of mad cow disease, discovered in December, has done little to alter American dining habits, limits on U.S. beef imports remain in effect around the world, including in Japan and Mexico — the largest markets for U.S. beef. (AP)



## Verdict in 9/11 Case Delayed

German court gives state time to question surprise new witness

BERLIN | In a dramatic turn that could salvage the state's case against an alleged accomplice in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, a Hamburg state court delayed a verdict Wednesday after federal prosecutors made a last-minute motion to present testimony from a new witness.

Prosecutors applied for a 30-day break in the trial of Abdelghani Mzoudi to examine testimony by the witness, who has been guaranteed anonymity, the court said in a statement. Lawyers identified the witness as an Iranian intelligence official who claims to have information that Mzoudi was directly involved in the plot. A verdict had been scheduled for Thursday.

Mzoudi, a 31-year-old Moroccan and only the second Sept. 11 suspect to be tried worldwide, faces a possible 15 years in prison if convicted.

GEIR MOULSON (AP)

### HEARSAY | COLOMBIA

"The head of the mother snake was chopped off ... Now we have to chase the baby poisonous snakes."

—DAVID GADDIS, TOP U.S. DRUG AGENT SAYING WEDNESDAY THAT "MICROCARTELS" EMERGED IN COLOMBIA AFTER THE MEDELLIN AND CALI DRUG CARTELS WERE CRUSHED.

### HAITI | CIVIL UNREST



**SCHOOL VIOLENCE:** Students wash their faces after police fired tear gas to break up an anti-government demonstration at a university in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday. Violent protests against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide have surged in the last four months, claiming the lives of 47 people.

## Egyptian Plane Downed by Pilot Error, Official Says

CAIRO, EGYPT | A preliminary report blames pilot error for the crash of an Egyptian airliner that killed all 148 people on board, an Egyptian civil aviation official said Wednesday.

The assertion is a reversal for the Egyptian government, which had insisted that the Flash Airlines jet went down on Jan. 3 because of a technical problem.

Analysis of the voice recorder indicated that the pilot gave no alarm to air traffic controllers, said the official of the civil aviation ministry, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Egyptian investigators are analyzing the data in Cairo, along with a French team and American observers. (AP)

**WHO KNEW?** The U.S. admitted more than 1 million permanent immigrants in 2001 and 2002, 25% more than in 2000, according to a study on migration released Wednesday. (AP)

## Iranian VPs Resign Over Election Flap

Officials protest after conservatives bar liberals from running

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran's worst political crisis in years deepened Wednesday, with several government ministers and vice presidents submitting their resignations to protest the barring of thousands of would-be candidates from upcoming elections.

Government spokesman Abdollah Ramezanzadeh said that most of Iran's six vice presidents and 24

## Cleric May Bend To U.N. on Vote

Iraq's top Shiite seen as flexible over demands to hold direct elections

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Iraq's top Shiite Muslim cleric and coalition officials signaled flexibility on holding early elections, with both sides suggesting they'll follow any U.N. recommendation on whether a direct vote is feasible, Iraqi and Western officials said Wednesday.

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani's insistence that Iraqi voters choose a transitional legislature has jeopardized a U.S. plan to transfer power to Iraqis and end the U.S. occupation of Iraq by July 1.

Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a Shiite member of the Iraqi Governing Council who spoke to al-Sistani, said Wednesday that if a proposed team of U.N. experts tells the cleric

it isn't possible to organize direct elections by July 1, he would accept the verdict.

The current American plan, set out in November, involves choosing lawmakers in 18 regional caucuses to be held across Iraq in May. The assembly would then appoint a provisional government that would govern until elections in 2005.



Al-Sistani

Coalition officials maintain there is not enough time to hold legislative elections before the power transfer because of the unstable security situation and the absence of voter rolls and an election law.

Tens of thousands of Shiites have marched in Baghdad and other cities this week in support of al-Sistani's demand. VIJAY JOSHI (AP)

### DIPLOMATIC BREAKDOWN

→ In a keynote address at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland on Wednesday, President Khatami called for dialogue as a solution to global conflicts but said he felt there was no chance for political discussion with the United States. "Any time we sense that the other side respects us and isn't forcing anything on us, we are prepared to talk. We have not sensed that from the United States." (AP)

## In Brief

### SWITZERLAND No Ties (or Cravats) Allowed At World Economic Forum

How to solve the knotty problem of making the World Economic Forum in Davos — where world leaders are now gathering to discuss global flashpoints — less stuffy? Easy: Tell the world's movers and shakers in attendance to lose their neckties. "We think it should be more relaxed,

more informal," said forum spokesman Michel Ogrizek. The fine for disobeying the order? Four dollars, which is to be donated to the U.N. Children's Fund. (AP)

### SAUDI ARABIA Prince Says He Was Nabbed Over Anti-Corruption Effort

An outspoken Saudi prince maintains he was kidnapped, drugged and flown home from Switzerland on orders from Saudi officials to stop him from pursuing an anti-corruption

campaign. Prince Sultan bin Turki, a nephew of King Fahd, made the claim in a phone call to The Associated Press from his Riyadh home, where he said he has been confined for months. Prince Sultan does not hold a high-ranking position in the Saudi government. He is known for speaking his mind and is regarded as one of a small group of royal family members who favor bold reform. An employee at the Interior Ministry said nobody there was available to comment. (AP)

### INDIA Women Charged in Extortion Of Unemployed Engineers

Police have arrested a software engineer and her mother for allegedly taking money from 50 unemployed high-tech workers who were promised jobs in the United States, police said Wednesday. The women allegedly took a total of \$88,800, offering the engineers jobs in California. Overseas companies regularly seek workers here, and job brokers often charge finders' fees. (AP)



Former President Bill Clinton, a speaker at the Forum, didn't get the memo?



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## World

# Fears of Avian Flu Spread

### 900,000 fowl exposed to virus sold in Vietnam

HANOI, VIETNAM | Fears over Asia's bird flu outbreak spiraled Wednesday as Vietnam admitted that nearly 900,000 chickens possibly exposed to the deadly virus had been sold to the public.

"We have no idea whether these chickens were killed and eaten or slaughtered," said Nguyen Van Thong, deputy director of the Ministry of Agriculture's veterinary department.

The bird flu ravaging poultry farms in Asia has killed five people, all in Vietnam, and millions of chickens.

The World Health Organization said it was working on a new vaccine to protect people. But the vaccine might not be ready for several years, warned WHO spokesman Bob Dietz in Hanoi Wednesday. A WHO team plus six scientists from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control

were in Vietnam investigating how the H5N1 virus jumped from poultry to people there, Dietz said.

Jittery governments have banned poultry imports from countries affected by the disease. So far, there has been no evidence of person-to-person transmission. But health officials have warned that if the virus mutates to allow human transmission, it could become a bigger health crisis than SARS, which killed nearly 800 people worldwide last year. **TINI TRAN (AP)**



**WHO KNEW?** Britain will soon start selling a \$9 coin to mark the 100th anniversary of the Entente Cordiale, the pact between Britain and France that ended years of enmity. (AP)

### MAD COW | SWAP MEAT



**NOT FOR SALE HERE:** Wholesalers bid on beef carcasses at a meat market in Tokyo on Wednesday. Japan ordered wholesalers not to sell the 862 tons of American beef that went on the market before U.S. imports were banned following the discovery of mad cow disease in Washington state, officials said.

## An 'Absurd' French Connection

### Some recoil at latest interpretation of ban on religious symbols

PARIS | France's fight to keep religion out of schools has entered new — and some say absurd — territory.

Education Minister Luc Ferry said in a parliamentary debate on Tuesday that a planned ban on religious symbols could also cover facial hair and bandannas.

This came as a shock to many in France, particularly to teachers who will be policing the new law, which is expected to be in place for the next school year in September.

"Beards? Bandannas?" asked Daniel Robin, national secretary of France's largest union for high school teachers. "What next? This exercise has become absurd."

President Jacques Chirac says the law's goal is to protect France's secular underpinnings. However, it also is seen as a way to hold back Islamic fundamentalism in the nation's Muslim community, the largest in Western Europe.

Lawmakers begin debating the bill Feb. 3. **JOCELYN GECKER (AP)**

## A Nip and a Tuck? Berlusconi's Hiatus Prompts Rumors

ROME | Premier Silvio Berlusconi bowed out of a meeting with the Maltese president Wednesday for a "slight illness," a Maltese official said, as the Italian leader's near-disappearance from public view over the past month continued.

Meanwhile, an Italian magazine said the premier recently underwent extensive plastic surgery on his face and neck. An earlier, unconfirmed report said Berlusconi had a touch up around the eyes.

Berlusconi's last appearance in public was at a news conference on Dec. 20. A doctor has reportedly said the image-conscious billionaire had plastic surgery — but days later denied he said any such



Berlusconi

thing. The premier's office has declined to comment on the reports.

Speculation has also mounted that the premier might be sick. Berlusconi's aides have brushed off all such reports, saying he has spent time away because there were no official commitments that required his presence in Rome. (AP)



## Local

## In Brief

## ANNAPOLIS, MD.

**Ehrlich's Proposed Budget a Boon for Md. Public Schools**

Gov. Robert Ehrlich submitted a \$23.8 billion budget Wednesday that proposes making cuts in local government aid, closing a major corporate tax loophole and increasing a variety of state fees, but keeps his commitment not to increase taxes. The budget includes a \$326 million increase in aid for public schools, which Budget Secretary James "Chip" DiPaola said is the biggest percentage increase in history. (AP)

## WASHINGTON

**D.C. Council Lowers Cap on Annual Property Tax Increase**

The D.C. Council on Wednesday approved a bill that would cap annual property tax increases at 12 percent, down from the current 25 percent limit. It also would increase from \$30,000 to \$38,000 a property tax deduction for those who live in properties they own. The legislation, which would provide \$28 million in tax relief this fiscal year, still is subject to approval by the mayor. (EXPRESS)

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Evening Pick 3	3-2-1
Mid-day Pick 4	4-8-0-6
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# Va. Panel Urges Gay Marriage Ban

## Resolution calling for addition to constitution passes unanimously

RICHMOND, VA. | A House panel unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday urging Congress to pass a constitutional amendment against gay marriages.

The resolution, sponsored by Del. Robert G. McDonnell, seeks an amendment defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman. It also would render civil unions between couples of the same sex invalid in the U.S.

McDonnell, R-Virginia Beach, said the constitutional amendment is needed to stop gay rights activists

from changing marriage laws through the courts. He said recent cases in the Supreme Court and Massachusetts's highest court place Virginia's law banning gay marriages in jeopardy.

The House Rules Committee passed the resolution without debate. It now moves to the House floor for passage.

Gay rights proponents said it was disappointing the resolution passed unanimously. "This bill has no force of law," said Dyana Mason, executive director of Equality Virginia, the state's largest gay rights organization. "It's an insult to every hard-working gay and lesbian Virginian who wants nothing more than equal treatment and protection under the law." JUSTIN BERGMAN (AP)

## MILITARY HONORS | FINAL SALUTE



**LAI D TO REST:** Air Force Secretary James G. Roche, center, salutes the caskets of one of five servicemen killed in a Nov. 23 helicopter crash in Afghanistan as it is carried to a grave in Arlington National Cemetery Wednesday.

## Questions Raised Over Prisoner's Death

WASHINGTON | Officials at the D.C. Jail were unable to explain Wednesday why it took 15 minutes to get an armed escort to take a dying prisoner to the hospital.

Doctors at the jail said the unidentified female inmate had no vital signs when she fell ill at 11:30 p.m. Monday, said District of Columbia Department of

Corrections spokesman Bill Meeks. She was placed in an ambulance at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, but Meeks said the ambulance did not leave the jail until 12:25 a.m. because jail officials were searching for an armed guard.

Doctors at Greater Southeast Community Hospital later pronounced the woman dead. (AP)

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## Money

# Home Building At 25-Year High

WASHINGTON | Housing construction picked up in December, helping to make 2003 the best year for home builders since 1978 and underscoring the critical role the sector played in the economy's resurgence.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that housing construction increased by 1.7 percent last month over November, ending 2003 on a high note. For all of last year, the number of housing units that builders broke ground on totaled 1.85 million, up from 1.70 million in 2002.

Construction hit an all-time high in 1978 with 2.02 million units.

The housing market — powered by low interest rates — was one of the main forces supporting the economy last year.

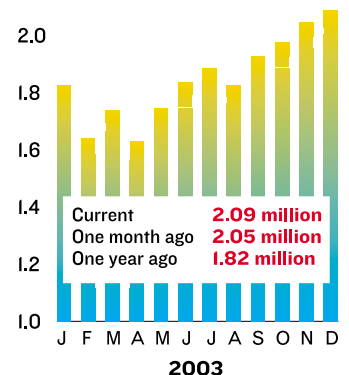
The sector's strength contributed to the blistering 8.2 percent growth rate in the economy in the third quarter of 2003 — the best performance in nearly two decades.

## Housing Starts

Here is a look at the construction rate of new homes and apartments.

*Seasonally adjusted*

**2.2 million units**



SOURCE: Department of Commerce

AP

Rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages sank to a four-decade low of 5.21 percent in the middle of June. Last week, rates on these mortgages stood at 5.66 percent, a six-month low. JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)



LIVE ONLINE

## On the Job

Washington Post columnist **KENNETH BREDEMEIER** offers workplace advice Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com).

**My workplace is very abusive and getting worse. The president of our company yells and curses at employees, belittles them for sport and has created company policies that are ridiculous. Do you suggest trying to hold a meeting to make suggestions about retention and employee satisfaction or just running for the hills?**

Such abusive behavior is uncalled for, unprofessional and undermines productivity. How about a group going to the president and showing how the tirades are counterproductive? Or HR? Or the company board? Perhaps the board does not know what's going on, or does and condones it. But if you judge this hopeless, start looking elsewhere.

**My girlfriend has an out-of-state meeting coming up. The company normally hires some temps from the local area to help, so we're wondering if I could tag along and also do some temp work. Is it worth asking or is it frowned upon?**

I'm dubious. If you have such talents in whatever field is required for this temping, I suppose you could offer your services. But I think the company might well see this for what it is, you wanting to take a trip with your girlfriend.

**I have a chronic illness but have not revealed this to my current employer due to biases that I have faced in the past. I have frequent doctor's appointments but am well within the bounds of my job. My HR manager has started noticing and made a point of asking if things were OK. What is my obligation to disclose the illness?**

You may want to confide the problem to the supervisor so that they do not feel you are a slacker. You may be eligible to ask for this accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act.



# Money

## In Brief

### PHARMACEUTICALS

#### FluMist Makers to Donate 250,000 Doses to Agencies

After disappointing sales in the first season for a needle-free flu vaccine, the sellers of FluMist said Wednesday they plan to donate 250,000 doses to public health agencies. State and local health agencies can order FluMist from makers Wyeth and MedImmune, Inc., under a deal arranged last week with the Centers for Disease Control. The companies, which prepared between 4 million and 5 million doses, have sold only about 69,200. (AP)

### EARNINGS WATCH

#### Starbucks Earnings Up 41%

Coffee retailing giant Starbucks said Wednesday that earnings grew a whopping 41 percent in its fiscal first quarter, boosted by especially strong sales during the holidays. The Seattle-based company reported earnings of \$110.8 million for the 13 weeks ended Dec. 28. Starbucks now has 7,500 stores worldwide and expects to open 1,300 more in 2004. (AP)

# Low-Carb Diets Sap Juice Sales

## Florida citrus industry plans \$1.8M campaign to win back dieters

LAKELAND, FLA. | Tired of losing orange juice drinkers to low-carb diets, Florida's citrus growers are fighting back.

The state Department of Citrus on Wednesday changed its marketing strategy to convince consumers that orange juice can be compatible with the Atkins diet as well as the popular weight-loss plan pushed by television talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw.

The department's lawyer also is reviewing legal options against some books, such as "The South Beach Diet," that discourage orange juice for dieting purposes because of its high sugar levels.

About \$1.8 million will be spent on a marketing campaign to combat the bad image caused by low-



Florida juice makers are fighting the perception their product is a diet no-no.

carb diets. The department is abandoning a marketing campaign that targeted moms and young professional women.

Florida's \$9 billion citrus industry has reason to be concerned. Orange juice consumption has fallen from 888 million gallons during the 2000-2001 growing season to an expected 844 million gallons in the current season.

MIKE SCHNEIDER (AP)

## Bush Suggests Zero-Down Home Loan

WASHINGTON | First-time home buyers could take out government-insured loans without making down payments under a Bush administration proposal. The Housing and Urban Development Department on Wednesday estimated that the

"zero-down payment" mortgage initiative, if approved, could help 150,000 families buy homes.

The proposal is to be included in President Bush's 2005 budget request, which will be released next month.

Someone who takes out a zero-down payment loan would have to go through financial counseling and make higher monthly payments, HUD said. On a \$100,000 loan, a zero-down payment borrower would pay roughly \$50 more per month than someone who puts 3 percent down. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Goodyear	10.74	+1.23	+12.9
StillwtrM	11.04	+1.19	+12.1
FrankCov	2.86	+26	+10.0
Hartmx	4.92	+42	+9.3
Aeropstl	29.82	+2.44	+8.9

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
TotalSys	23.68	-6.31	-21.0
SeagateT	16.10	-4.22	-20.8
Unifi	4.97	-1.15	-18.8
WDigitl	11.17	-1.80	-13.9
Maxtor	10.75	-1.56	-12.7

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.87	0.86
2-year	1.65	1.63
10-year	4.02	4.00
30-year	4.91	4.89

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
VCamps	2.83	+1.21	+74.7
PrcOpt rs	4.47	+1.38	+44.7
WillmsInds	5.19	+1.15	+28.5
CritPath rs	2.30	+49	+26.9
AeroGen rs	3.75	+77	+25.8

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
RF MicD	9.85	-2.41	-19.7
TechRsh	18.37	-3.93	-17.6
Netopia	16.75	-3.15	-15.8
HutchT	32.45	-5.95	-15.5
TrnSwtc	3.23	-.57	-15.0

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5466	.5498	.6184
Canadian Dollar	1.2988	1.2914	1.5322
European Euro	.7916	.7957	.9325
Japanese Yen	106.91	107.13	118.13
Mexican Peso	10.9800	10.8675	10.8230
Taiwanese Dollar	33.68	33.68	34.67

### DOW NASDAQ S&P 500



+0.90	-0.26	+0.78
10623.62	2142.45	1147.62

### Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
BcBilVArg	14.08	+25	+1.7
BcoSnCH	11.92	+23	-.7
BankOne	52.13	+1.26	+14.3
Bk of Am	81.85	+1.78	+1.8
Barclay	38.72	+14	+6.5
CredSui	38.18	+32	+5.1
DeutschBk	80.78	+1.03	-1.7
FleetBost	44.70	+1.06	+2.4
HSBC	80.65	+1.10	+2.3
JPMorgCh	40.10	+1.01	+10.2
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# Sports

## Bush Steroid Plea Draws Applause

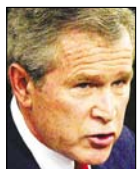
### Anti-doping leaders disagree on speech's impact

**DOPING** | Anti-doping authorities worldwide hailed President Bush's attack on steroids as a key step in the fight against performance-enhancing drugs, but disagreed whether the president's appeal will have much of an immediate — or even long-term — impact on drug use by athletes.

Penn State's Charles Yesalis, an expert on steroid use in sports,

applauded the president's call in his State of the Union address for athletes and pro sports leagues to eliminate drugs. But he said Wednesday that things won't change until fans demand an end to doping.

Most fans are willing to ignore



Bush

unnaturally bulging biceps in order to see tape-measure home runs, world records and other amazing athletic feats, Yesalis said. Leagues will only wipe out doping if fans turn off their TVs and stop buying tickets.

Dick Pound, chairman of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said the speech was "as close to a home run as you can get on this issue."

"It's never been said before by someone in his position. He's saying this is a real issue, a national issue," Pound said.

International Olympic Committee member Mario Pescante, Italy's undersecretary for sports and head of Europe's Olympic Committees, said Bush's words must be followed by concrete action. **ROB GLOSTER (AP)**

**Testing:** President Bush's State of the Union speech has given leverage to baseball owners seeking a more thorough drug testing program | Today's Post, Sports

## Top Seeds Advance in Aussie Open

**TENNIS** | Defending champion Andre Agassi and top-ranked Andy Roddick rushed through straight-set victories in second-round matches Wednesday at the Australian Open.

About the only mistake Agassi made in a 6-0, 6-2, 6-4 win over 18-year-old Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic came when he changed rackets early in the third set and accidentally carried the plastic cover on court.

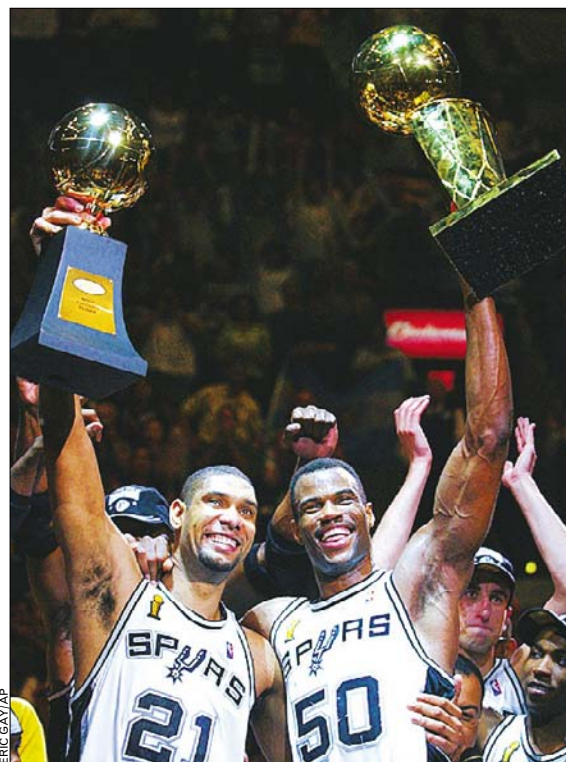
Agassi now faces 1999 runner-up Thomas Enqvist of Sweden in pursuit of his fifth Australian Open title and his ninth Grand Slam.

Meanwhile, Roddick sped through his 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 win over Bohdan Ulihrach, firing 20 aces along the way.

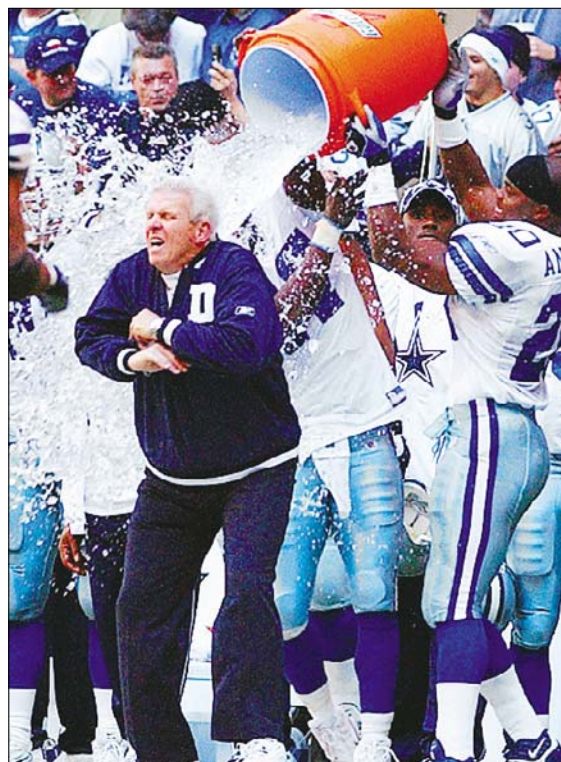
Justine Henin-Hardenne, ranked No. 1 and winner at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 2003, had a 6-1, 6-4 win over Camille Pin of France, and fourth-seeded Amelie Mauresmo advanced in straight sets. **PAUL ALEXANDER (AP)**



No. 1 seed Andy Roddick had no trouble in his second-round match Wednesday.



**SEEING STARS:** Tim Duncan and David Robinson brought San Antonio two NBA titles; Bill Parcells led Dallas to the NFC playoffs.



## For Sports, Don't Mess With Texas

### Super Bowl is latest in long line of athletic attractions in the state

**HOUSTON** | Roger Clemens will play for the Astros, the Spurs are NBA champions, Bill Parcells has the Cowboys on the rise — and the Super Bowl is coming to Houston.

When it comes to sports, things are just dandy deep in the heart of Texas. Houston, especially.

When the New England Patriots and Carolina Panthers meet in the Super Bowl on Feb. 1, much in this city of 2 million will have been chronicled by a media horde and visited by

thousands of out-of-towners.

The NFL title game gives Houston a golden opportunity to send out a positive impression of the nation's fourth-largest city.

"You don't really rebrand a city on an event, but it's a nice platform to start," Super Bowl host committee chairman Chuck Watson said.

And that's exactly what it is — just the beginning. After the Super Bowl, the city will host baseball's All-Star game in July and the Tennis Masters Cup in November.

The whole state has gotten in on the act of luring big names to big — and small — cities.

Clemens and Andy Pettitte left the

Yankees for the Astros. In the NBA, former New York Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy is now leading the Houston Rockets, and he brought along Patrick Ewing to tutor Yao Ming.

Shortstop Alex Rodriguez is still with the Texas Rangers; Bob Knight resides in Lubbock, where he coaches Texas Tech; and ex-Alabama coach Mike Price is the new football coach at Texas-El Paso.

Other Texas cities will host big events this year, too: The Final Four is set for San Antonio, and the Breeders' Cup Thoroughbred World Championships will be held at Lone Star Park, near Dallas-Fort Worth.

**MARK BABINECK (AP)**

## In Brief

### KOBE BRYANT CASE

#### Judge Closes Friday Hearing

A hearing to determine whether Kobe Bryant's accuser has given up her medical privacy rights will be closed to the public, the judge ruled Wednesday. The hearing is scheduled for Friday to determine whether Bryant's attorneys can prove the 19-year-old woman has given up her privacy rights by talking about her medical condition and treatment with others. **(AP)**

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

#### Stanley Resigns From Mystics

Marianne Stanley resigned Wednesday as head coach of the Washington Mystics, the team announced Wednesday. In two seasons with the Mystics, Stanley led the squad to a 26-40 record. Washington made the playoffs for the second time in franchise history in 2002 under Stanley. Assistant coach Linda Hill-MacDonald has also resigned. **(EXPRESS)**



Stanley

### SOCCER

#### Etcheverry, United Part Ways

Midfielder Marco Etcheverry won't be back with the D.C. United, the club announced Wednesday. The 33-year-old playmaker will pursue playing opportunities elsewhere. Etcheverry was the last remaining player from the squad's 1996 inaugural squad. He leaves United as its all-time leader in assists (101) and games played (191). **(EXPRESS)**

### PRO FOOTBALL

#### Ravens' Fuller Offers Reward Following Break-In, Shootout

Baltimore Ravens cornerback Corey Fuller offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of an intruder who entered his Florida home early Wednesday in an apparent robbery attempt that ended in gunfire. Fuller, 32, and a house guest went outside to get something from a car when they were confronted by the gunman at about 2:30 a.m. The man chased Fuller back into the house and then fled after about 20 shots were exchanged, police said. No one was injured. **(AP)**

**Terps' battle royal:** For results of Maryland's basketball game against No. 1 Duke | [washingtonpost.com/sports](http://washingtonpost.com/sports)



# Sports

## Mets Score Trademark Victory Over British Met

BASEBALL | The New York Mets picked up an offseason victory, going to Britain to get it.

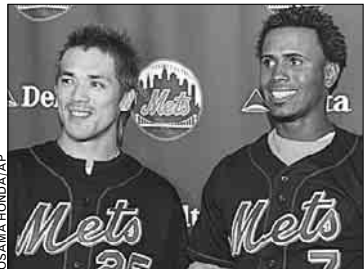
In a case pitting the Mets against The Met Office — Britain's meteorological service — the British Patent Office ruled the major league baseball team may register its logo.

Although baseball has little following in Britain, the weather service contended its trademark might be confused with the Mets logo.

In turning down the weather agency's claim, trademark registrar George Salthouse allowed the Mets to register their trademark for use on items such as trading cards, caps and T-shirts.

The Met Office is weighing an appeal.

Wayne Elliott, a spokesman for The Met Office, said Major League Baseball Properties has also applied



New Mets Kaz Matsui and Jose Reyes need not worry about New York's logo.

to use the word "Met" and not just "Mets."

Ethan Orlinsky, the chief lawyer for MLBP, said the case was one of "hundreds or thousands of similar cases."

Dr. Jeremy Philpott, the Patent Office's spokesman, said the British public was unlikely to be confused between the weather office and the baseball team. STEPHEN WADE (AP)

### SENIOR BOWL | CHARGED UP



**FIRST LOOK:** Senior Bowl South squad coach Marty Schottenheimer, who is also the head coach of the San Diego Chargers, leads a practice Wednesday in Mobile, Ala. Saturday's Senior Bowl is a showcase for college all-stars looking to be drafted in the NFL. The Chargers have the top pick in April's draft.

### TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**TENNIS** (11 p.m. on ESPN2) The Australian Open continues in Melbourne, Australia.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** (7 p.m. on ESPN2) North Carolina (11-3, 1-2) looks to even its record in the ACC when playing the improved Florida State (12-5, 1-3).

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** (8:30 p.m. on FoxSports) The top two teams in the Pacific 10 — Stanford (14-0, 5-0) and UCLA (9-4, 5-1) — square off.

**PRO BASKETBALL** (7 p.m. on TNT) Sacramento goes for its 30th win of the young season when visiting Cleveland.

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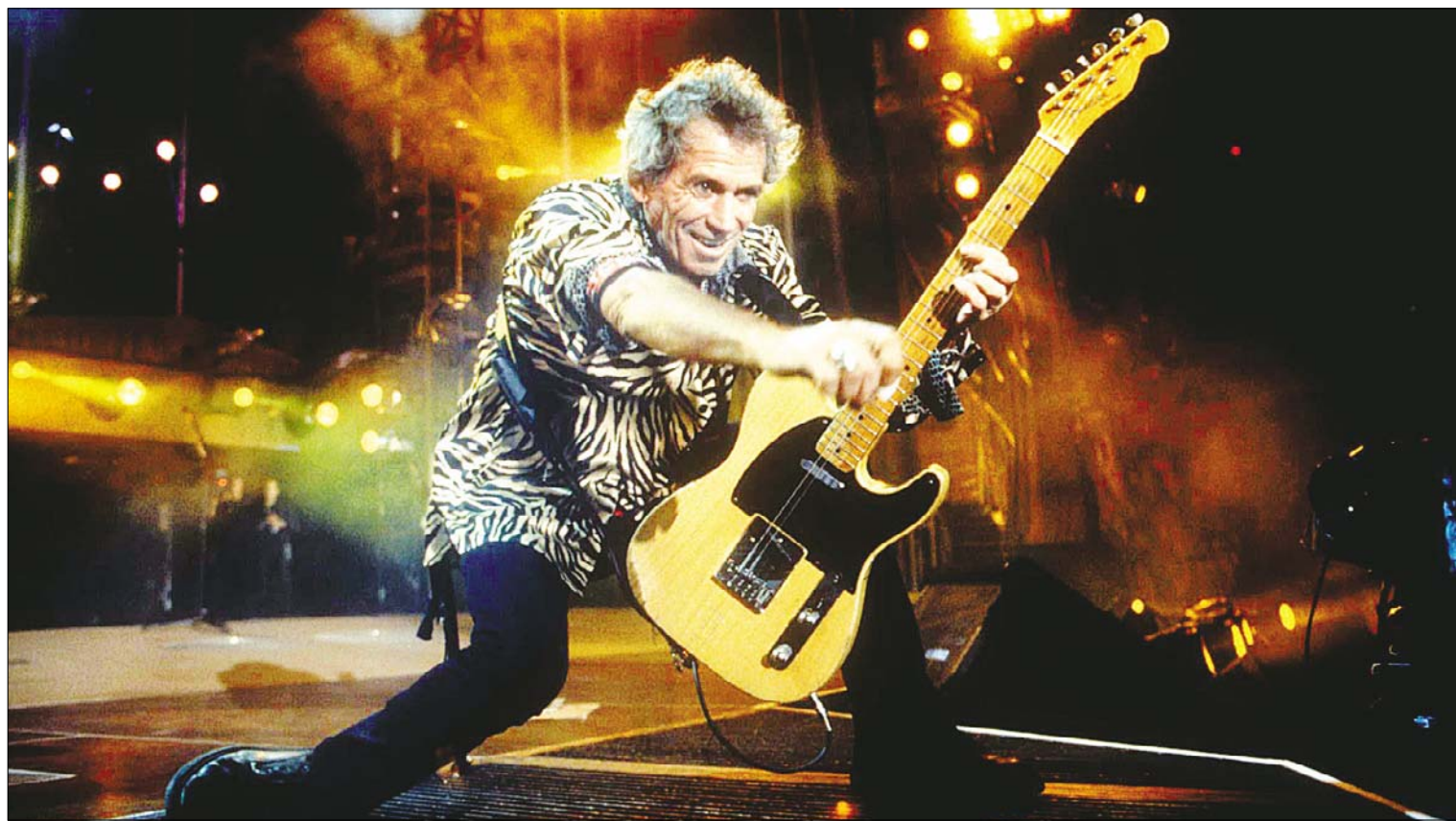
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# Lookout



**SATISFIED SLEEPER:** Once upon a time, before Keith Richards was ancient, he went to bed. When he woke up, lo! The riff in "Satisfaction" had come to him in his sleep.

## While You Were Sleeping

The brain can solve knotty problems as we slumber, scientists say

**STUDIES** | Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards said the riff in "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" came to him in his sleep, while the 19th-century chemist Dmitri Mendeleev literally dreamed up the periodic table of elements.

Now, for the first time, scientists say they have proved what creative minds have known all along: that our sleeping brains continue working on problems that baffle us during the day, and that the right answer may come more easily after eight hours of rest.

Previous studies have shown

that 70 million Americans are sleep-deprived, contributing to increased accidents, worsening health and lower test scores. The new study is considered to be the first hard evidence supporting the common-sense notion that creativity and problem solving appear to be directly linked to adequate sleep.

Some researchers said the study provides a valuable reminder for overtired workers and students that sleep is often the best medicine.

"A single study never settles an issue once and for all, but I would



Sleep aided Robert Louis Stevenson.

say this study does advance the field significantly," said Dr. Carl E. Hunt, director of the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research at the National Institutes of Health. "It's going to have potentially important results for children for school performance and for adults for work performance."

University of Luebeck scientists found that volunteers taking a simple math test were three times more likely than sleep-deprived participants to figure out a hidden rule for converting the numbers into the right answer if they had eight hours of sleep. The results appear in Thursday's issue of *Nature*.

Jan Born, who led the study, said the results support biochemical studies of the brain that indicate memories are restructured before they are stored. Creativity also appears to be enhanced in the process, he said.

History is rife with examples of artists and scientists who have awakened to make their most notable contributions. Robert Louis Stevenson credited a good night's sleep with helping him create scenes in "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." And Elias Howe came up with his idea for the sewing machine after waking up.

Born said the exact process in the sleeping brain for sharpening these abilities remains unclear. The changes leading to creativity or problem-solving insight occur during "slow wave" or deep sleep that typically occurs in the first four hours of the sleep cycle, he said.

The results also may explain the memory problems associated with aging, because older people typically have trouble getting enough sleep, especially the kind of deep sleep needed to process memories, Born said.

Other researchers said they have long suspected that sleep helps to consolidate memories and sharpen thoughts. But until now it had been difficult to design an experiment that would test how it improves insight.

The study should be considered a warning to schools, employers and government agencies that sleep makes a huge difference in mental performance, wrote Pierre Maquet and Perrine Ruby of the University of Liege in a commentary on the research, also published in *Nature*. The results "give us good reason to fully respect our periods of sleep — especially given the current trend to recklessly curtail them."

WILLIAM MCCALL (AP)

## Suffer the Little Cell Phones

**BOSTON** | Americans may rely on everyday technology like cell phones, TV sets and the like — but it drives them crazy. At the top of the list? The cell phone.

An annual Massachusetts Institute of Technology survey,

known as the Lemelson-MIT Invention Index, found that among adults asked what invention they hate most but can't live without, 30 percent said the cell phone.

Alarm clocks were a close second, with 25 percent, followed by

the television with 23 percent and razors with 14 percent. Microwave ovens, computers and answering machines also earned spots as detested technology.

The survey has been conducted for the past eight years to gauge

public opinion toward inventions, inventors and technology.

"The interconnectedness you get from the cell phone is a very positive thing, and I think that's one of the most important things, the bringing together of people," said Lemelson Center Director Merton C. Flemings. "The downside of that is that you sometimes want to be alone."

Some cherish their technological appendages. Jaime Wasserman, 26, of Boston, walked through Quincy Market with her cell phone pressed to her ear.

"There's really nothing that irritates me," she said. "An alarm clock? You need an alarm clock. People who hate it are probably lazy people who just don't feel like getting up in the morning." THEO EMERY (AP)





## Entertainment

## WeekendPass



**BAWDY OF WORK:** The Kiss My Brass Tour finds Midler rolling out the hits that made her famous, the songs of Rosemary Clooney and the big crippled-mermaid number.

# Big Brassy Broad

Bette Midler brings her singular divine madness to all kinds of fans

**OUT & ABOUT** | Showgirl, diva, grande dame of showbiz, gay icon, wedding-song schmaltz-peddler — Bette Midler is everything a consummate entertainer can be. But most of all — say it with me, darlings — she's the Divine Miss M.

Midler made her bones singing in the bathhouses of the '70s (bathhouses, boys and girls, were ... never mind) and her large gay audience

has never turned its back even as she folded in mamas and daughters (thanks to starring in screen weepers like "Beaches"), music aficionados impressed by her massive pipes and couples entranced by the naughty accessibility of her half-comedy act. One of her most jaw-dropping tricks, a trademark moment in her bumptious live act, involves rolling onstage in the spar-

klung costume of a mermaid, organically wafting about her shoulders, her glittering tail thwapping away. And she's confined to a wheelchair. She's a fairy tale in a fishtail, anger and pain and beauty and fantasy in one shiny package.

Midler's latest album, "Bette Midler Sings the Rosemary Clooney Songbook," pays tribute to another grande dame of the knock-'em-dead

school of entertainment. She collaborates with her once-and-future piano accompanist, Barry Manilow, on a series of elegant, amusing, personality-rich songs like "Come On-A My House," Mambo Italiano" and "Slow Boat to China."

Such is Midler's respect for the late Ms. Clooney that the announcement of their dueling Grammy nominations — Midler's ironically for her tribute album — caused the singer to suggest recusing herself from the competition. It's not like any of her personalities needs the recognition. (EXPRESS)

MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Fri., Jan. 23, 8 p.m. \$42.50-\$178; 800-551-7328. (Metro Center)

## Top Stops

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### Art, Rock: Hott Beat Laffs It Up

That conceptual band you and a similarly drunken friend claimed you should start? Too late. The local duo Hott Beat wear giant masks onstage while playing comedic electro-pop; New York's Bling Kong was forced to become a band after too-brisk sales of the "Bling Kong" T-shirt. Cheerleaders, three drummers and video crew included.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Sun., Jan. 25, 9 p.m., \$5; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

### California Girl: L.C. Armstrong at Mateyka

Painter L.C. Armstrong knows all about surfaces, sunsets and the smooth embrace of fantasy, all elements of Southern California beach-and-car culture. The promise and menace of glossy veneers is her specialty, seen in the bursting blooms and theatrical sunsets — and the bomb fuses she burns onto the canvas — of her strange, remote paintings. Closes Jan. 24.

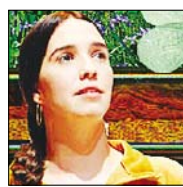
Marsha Mateyka Gallery, 2012 R St. NW; 202-328-0088.

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Armstrong's "Passion Flowers Over Paradise Motel" adorn and menace.



# A Beautiful Mess

**An unusual film shows the poetry of natural destruction**

FILM | "Things fall apart," David Byrne once sang, copping a line from Chinua Achebe, who himself nicked it from W.B. Yeats.

Another cultural game of telephone on the subject of entropy is conducted by filmmaker Bill Morrison, whose "Decasia" and "The Film of Her" screen this weekend. The 67-minute "Decasia" pairs slowed-down, disintegrating vintage footage with a hypnotic, stentorian symphony by Michael Gordon. The soundtrack comes on like Philip Glass orchestrated with police sirens and locomotives.

From waves surging against rocks to a whirling dervish in mid-trance, images are victims of the special effects that occur naturally when volatile nitrate film stock decays. Landscapes seethe into clouds. Bubbling amoeboid forms suggest the liquid projections in psy-



**AND IN THIS CORNER, THE BLOB:** A boxer battles bubbling nothingness in Bill Morrison's "Decasia," a demonstration of how memory is as friable as nitrate film.

chedelic light shows. Where a boxer once pounded the bag, he now slugs it out with a boiling void. A meditation on time's unraveling of human endeavor, "Decasia" draws on everything from the similar Dutch film "Lyrical Nitrate" to the works of Stan

Brakhage and artist and animator William Kentridge. GLENN DIXON

*National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; Fri., Jan. 23, 12:30 p.m.; Sat., Jan. 24, 3:30 p.m., free; 202-737-4215. (Archives-Navy Memorial)*



**WON'T INDUCE DROWSINESS:** The hard-rocking Medications get really ill.

## Taking the Cure

MUSIC | Devin Ocampo's fiercely rocking Medications play Thursday at Black Cat; opening is the Rude Staircase, a fantastically unorthodox nine-piece freak show that employs guitars, bass, drums, horns, keyboards, a violin and, of course, trashcans.

Ocampo played drums in Smart Went Crazy before fronting Faraquet. Citing the modern beat poet Charles Bukowski, the Who and Black Flag as prominent influences, Medications play catchy alt-rock that's equally evocative of Ted Leo and the Pharmacists and Sunny Day Real Estate. The intensity

of their performances is infamous. "That's the goal," Ocampo said. "We'll rock your face off live."

Though the Rude Staircase is a vehemently unique ensemble, it maintains a hook-driven pop sensibility. The band tends to polarize audiences, neatly dividing the conventional from the adventurous.

If the dominance of straight-laced Fugazi-ites has rendered D.C.'s music scene bland and boring, this weekend's show presents a convincing rebuttal. TIM FOLLOS

*1811 14th St. NW; Thu., Jan. 22, 9 p.m., \$5; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)*

## TopStops

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Blame the little metal plates: the business end of a member of Step Aside.

### Tapstravaganza: TWA and Step Aside

That staccato pounding you hear is the intricate jackhammer jazz of local tap-dance artistes heading your way. Tappers With Attitude joins with the group Step Aside Dance Company for a night of floor-abuse in styles from swing to be-bop, Latin to hip-hop, with some trad thrown in for fun.

*Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; Sat., Jan. 24, 8 p.m.; Sun., Jan. 25, 4 p.m., \$18, \$14 students, \$6 under 18; 202-269-1600. (Brookland-CUA)*

### Nature Talk: The Groundhog's Lament

That Puxatawny Phil has it easy. Everyone waits for him to see his shadow but no one calls him on his prediction. Demand some answers from folks dressed up (as groundhogs, we hope) to discuss the history of Groundhog Day and other natural weather predictors, like Aunt Beebaw's rheumatiz, at a talk and demonstration.

*Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale; Sun., Jan. 25, 2 p.m., \$3, reservations required; 703-941-1065.*

### '1984': Cautionary Tales

The Capitol Hill Arts Workshop presents an adaptation of a very scary story about the future, only it's not really the future, in which everyone's civil liberties are ravaged. It's called "2004." No, wait — "1984." Through Feb. 28.

*Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 Seventh St. SE; opens Sat., Jan. 24, \$20-\$25; 202-547-6839. (Eastern Market)*

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### EXPLORATION | RED PLANET ROVER



**NO LITTLE GREEN MEN?** National Geographic hosts an exhibition of images from the Mars Global Surveyor, as well as Martian maps, a model of the robot and a history of observation of (and speculation about) our exotic neighbor. Through April 25. National Geographic Society, 1145 17th St. NW; opens Thu., Jan. 22, free; 202-857-7588.

**DANCE** | BALANCHINE CENTENARY

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**GOSSAMER WINGS:** The play George Balanchine loved in Russia became his first full-length American ballet. Washington Ballet dances Act I of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in honor of the choreographer's 100th birthday, through Jan. 25. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; \$48-\$80; 202-467-4600.

# A Chill in the Air

## The romantic woes of 'A Winter's Tale' move to Minnesota

**STAGE** | In the kingdom of Sicilia, King Leontes suspects that his wife, Hermione, has taken a lover in the form of Leontes's best friend, Polixenes...

Oh, you've heard that one? How about this? In the mythical Minnesota town of Pine City, Leonard Matsen, his wife Mina and their childhood friend Paul undergo a tumultuous emotional upheaval, the result of the creeping poisons of suspicion and doubt, that is ultimately redeemed by the healing force of art.

Craig Wright's play "Melissa Arctic" is the latest in the



CLAIRE DUGGAN

Holly Twyford as Mina in Shakespeare Theatre's frosty "Melissa Arctic."

Shakespeare Theatre's string of striking new stagings and innovative interpretations of Shakespeare's works. While it borrows the bones of Shakespeare's "A Winter's Tale," it updates and toys with the original story and adds music. The title

is the name of a "globally imperiled" butterfly (*Oeneis melissa*) of no great beauty but plenty of frost-hardened resilience.

Wright is the author of numerous well-received plays, including the Pulitzer Prize-nominated "The Pavilion" and last year's "Recent Tragic Events" (winner of the American Theatre Critics Circle 2003 award). He calls "Melissa Arctic" not an improvement upon "A Winter's Tale," but a fulfillment of a fantasy hinted at in the play — that art can be more vibrant than pain and fear, and that the confidence of creation can beat back human insecurity. (EXPRESS)

*Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol St. SE; opens Fri., Jan. 23, \$25-\$48; 202-544-7077 or [www.folger.edu](http://www.folger.edu). (Capitol South/Union Station)*

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# Weekend Pass Entertainment

## Luck Be a Monkey

The Chinese lunar New Year brings a change of species

OUT & ABOUT | Monkeys, it's your time to shine. What we're calling 2004 in the Western world, the Chinese have seen before, as part of a lunar calendar that's as cyclical as life itself.

Folks born during a Year of the Monkey are all kinds of good things — brainy, reliable, cheerful, sociable, alert.

They adapt themselves to fluid situations, get retiring rams to open up, are terrific strategists (unlike those impulsive tigers). They make better listeners than the dismissive snake, to say nothing of boastful ol' roosters and demanding boars. And

they are quite compatible with the popular and fun-loving dragon.

This year's Chinese New Year Parade features the traditional dragon snaking through downtown streets. Before the parade, drummers and lion dancers will perform outside of the Museum of American Art, and the firecrackers go off around 4 p.m.

Also, the Wah Luck House at Sixth and H streets, a service center for local and incoming Asians, will host New Year's activities, with lucky money, Year of the Monkey



Who really lurks in the New Year's dragon

stamps and an arts and craft sale.

For grown-ups who want in on the fun, this is the one time of year when eating raw (white) tofu is bad for you. It will bring you ill fortune. So either chose red bean curd or head for the many delicious and auspicious deep-fried treats that augur well for the new year. (EXPRESS)

Sun., Jan. 25, H street between 6th and 8th streets NW; 2-5 p.m. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

Wah Luck House, 800 6th St. NW; 202-289-5338. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

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**WHO WHAT WHERE WHEN WHY**

“ ... Anyway, every low-life in La-La-Land with a rocket-propelled grenade launcher suddenly materializes ...

... It's really just another movie about a couple of angry robots ...

... Did I mention that they're all fish? ... ”

**Michael O'Sullivan | Movie Critic**  
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**TopStops**

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**Mellow Drama:  
Starsailor**

Starsailor means it, man. After all, the British quartet named itself after a Tim Buckley album and plays like early U2. The philosophy at work is, if it ain't overwrought, it ain't worth being wrought in the first place. But Starsailor manages to escape arena-rock bombast with a combination of hard-rocking guitars and powerful melodies.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sat., Jan. 24, 9 p.m., \$15; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)



Chorley, England's over-the-top Starsailor in an understated mood.

**Savoyards Sing:  
Gilbert & Sullivan**

They were the very models of two/Upright English gentlemen/They wrote more songs than moderns do/Will Gilbert and Art Sullivan/And now you can enjoy some scenes/From operettas tragical/and comical, historical/Incredible and magical/All thanks to these performers, though/Who'll strut and fret upon the stage/And frustrate us because, you know/Nothing rhymes with "Washington Savoyards."

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; Sun., Jan. 25, 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

**Beatle crazy:  
It's 1964 Again**

Dudes, it's "fab" and "gear" and all that to like the Beatles so much you start a band that ends up being, say, the Replacements. Liking them so much you accompany your 11-year-old daughter to a performance of the impersonation group 1964 and scream until you're hoarse is another thing altogether. Not judging; just pointing out two separate things.

George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; Sat., Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m., \$35-\$40; 202-994-6800. (Foggy Bottom)

**A local painter's  
materials: wood,  
water and history**

**GALLERIES** | If you're a local artist, it's a long way from F Street to the National Gallery of Art. In 1999 Judy Jashinsky was one of a dozen painters whose F Street NW studios were threatened by development. Somehow city planners missed the irony of a Downtown Arts District without artists.

But the tribulations of the artistic life are fodder for Jashinsky. Her obsessively imagined series on the life of Renaissance painter Artemisia Gentileschi earned rave notices from its showings in New York and Washington. Jashinsky's paintings evoke medieval narratives — and Gentileschi's personal hardships, like her rape by a friend of her father's — but with modern intimacy and wit. In 1998 her "Artemisia" portfolio was purchased by the National Gallery — mere months before her eviction notice arrived.

Jashinsky's new show at Signal 66 is called "Water and Wood." In it she culls from her 1992 exhibition,



**PYRAMID SCHEME:** "The Boat of Amen Ho-Tep II," a painting in the limpid tones and flattened perspective of Egyptian art.

"Voyages of Rediscovery," which featured 91 portraits on wood of contemporary Washington men whom she considers the "spiritual descendents of Columbus's sailors."

She also includes works on canvas depicting sea and river scenes from a recent trip to Egypt — a long way from F Street. Through Feb. 14.

BOB MASSEY

Signal 66, 926 N St NW, in Blagden Alley; reception Fri., Jan. 23, 6-9 p.m., opening event 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; suggested donation \$3; 202-427-3088. (Mt. Vernon Square)



**HANGING OUT:** Gomez has spent six years waiting to be the Current Big Thing.

**Gomez Brings It On**

**MUSIC** | Sure, it's a cliché, but when you create a debut album as polished, accomplished and mature as Gomez's "Bring It On," there is nowhere to go but down. Beating out established heavyweights to win the coveted Mercury Prize in 1998

for Britain's best album, Gomez was instantly branded as the U.K.'s Next Big Thing.

Six years and two follow-up albums later, we find Gomez still slogging through gigs in smallish rock clubs and struggling to crack the

mainstream. So is the group a total bust? Yet another band that couldn't live up to its hype? Certainly not.

Gomez's intrepid fusion of adventuresome blues and spacey rock defies neat categorization. By relying on blues structures for many songs, Gomez creates beautifully languid ballads and evocative rockers that truly break the mold of traditional shiny, airheaded Britpop.

Sounding more authentic than recent British success stories like Travis and Coldplay, but not as avant-garde as indie darlings Radiohead, Gomez has simply not yet carved out its own market niche. The band's fourth album is scheduled for release this May, but six years is a long time to spend as the Next Big Thing. **PETER DENTON**

With Rachel Yamagata. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Thu., Jan. 22, \$20; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

**Friday in**

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**History Walk:**

The African American Heritage Trail is unveiled. Join Nicole Arthur on an armchair tour of nearly 100 historic sites all over the city. | *Cover*

→ Also, hiking in winter; the Bead Museum for kids; this week's films.



**ROAD TRIP:** Michael's Eighth Avenue hosts Ballroom Boxing featuring five Baltimore fighters. 7220 Grayburn Drive, Glen Burnie, Md.; Thu., Jan. 22, 8 p.m.; 410-766-7474.



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## Weekend Pass | Food

# Eating Way Out

This chef likes his  
food deconstructed,  
perhaps even foamy

CHEFS | Waiter, there's coconut milk  
and ginger in my squid ravioli!

That is one of the delights served  
up by award-winning Spanish chef  
Ferran Adria, who spends half the  
year tinkering in a workshop that's  
as much science lab as kitchen and  
who has become an idol to gour-  
mets worldwide.

Adria's goal is to break molds —  
the ones that determine what food  
should look or feel like. He takes  
dishes apart, or "deconstructs" them,  
and reassembles them with an unex-  
pected texture or temperature.

Take Adria's trademark foams,  
airy reincarnations of solid food  
that were initially made with help  
from a bicycle pump. One was born  
of tea and seaweed.

Adria's restaurant, two hours  
north of Barcelona, is a mecca for  
epicureans worldwide and Adria  
is credited with introducing mod-  
ern Spanish cuisine to the rest of  
the world.

For Adria it's important not to  
copy his past work or that of oth-



Spanish chef Ferran Adria sizes up  
one of his victims, er, ingredients.

ers. So every year he develops an  
all-new menu for El Bulli, work-  
ing with his team of chefs from  
October to March, when the res-  
taurant is closed.

At the workshop, new techniques  
are developed and perfected. Chefs  
toy with processes like "centrifuga-  
tion," a way of separating the solid  
matter out of liquids, and practice  
quick-freezing foods with liquid  
nitrogen.

Adria won't give details, but El  
Bulli's final menu will features doz-  
ens of tiny dishes that are served one  
after another in a parade of texture  
and flavor that lasts hours. Adria  
controls the process carefully, tim-  
ing each dish and telling diners —  
who have no say in what they're  
served — how to eat each one.

SARAH ANDREWS (AP)

**Ye Olde France:** Tom Sietsema reviews two longtime faves, Lavandou in Cleveland  
Park and La Miche in Bethesda. Sunday in The Washington Post Magazine.



LIVE ONLINE

**What's  
Cooking**

Calling all foodies: Post online produc-  
er and culinary expert **KIM O'DONNELL**  
talks shop Tuesdays at noon on  
washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

**How do you store ginger once  
you've cut off a chunk? Keeping it  
in the fridge uncovered seems to  
dry it out. My old roommate once  
told me to bury it in a pot of soil.**

There are folks who swear by  
doing that as well as keeping it  
soaked in sherry. Others like to  
keep it in the freezer and then  
peel as necessary.

**I need to make some cranberry-  
orange muffins but can't find any**

**cranberries at the stores right now.  
Can I rehydrate dried cranberries?**

You can. For 1 cup berries, use  
one cup hot water and let steep for  
15 minutes or so. Drain before add-  
ing to your muffin mix.

**I'm addicted to blood oranges.  
What can I do with them, besides  
eating them plain?**

They're fab in salads with spin-  
ach or arugula. Add red onion, some  
pine nuts and you're all set. Squeeze  
the rest to help in the vinaigrette  
department.



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Television

Can't Stop the Music

ON TOUR | The "American Idol" franchise continues, with an upcoming co-headlining tour by 2002 winner Kelly Clarkson and 2003 runner-up Clay Aiken.

The Clarkson/Aiken tour will play cut-down arenas, beginning Feb. 24 at the Charlotte (N.C.) Coliseum and running through April 16. Venue capacity will be reduced, with the ability to expand if ticket sales warrant.

The entire route of about 30 shows was announced earlier this week, just as a third edition of the popular "American Idol" TV series began on Fox.

Meanwhile, 2003 "American Idol" winner Ruben Studdard will



Clarkson and Aiken get ready to not-rock.

embark on his own headlining tour this March or April, according to Jeff Frasco, Creative Artists Agency agent responsible for the tours.

"All three of these artists are selling records," Frasco says. They are also expected to sell tickets, given the success of past "American Idol"-related tours. The first American Idols tour in 2002, featuring the 10 finalists, grossed \$8.1 million and drew 258,526 to 30 shows.

The 2003 tour nearly doubled that take, at slightly less than \$16 million and attendance of 411,005 from 41 shows.

A third American Idols tour is planned for this summer, likely to start in July. RAY WADDELL (BILLBOARD)

ON TV TONIGHT

AND THEN THERE WERE SEVEN Brit Hume and Peter Jennings moderate the FINAL DEBATE (8 p.m., Fox News) among Democratic presidential candidates before Tuesday's New Hampshire primary. Chris Wallace will anchor post-debate analysis.

NO ETA ON WMDS FRONTLINE (9 p.m., CBS) Frontline returns to the subject of Iraq with "Chasing Saddam's Weapons," an hour-long look at the still-fruitless effort to find the dictator's weapons of mass destruction.

This time last year, the Bush administration and British Prime Minister Tony Blair's government made a forceful case that the Iraqis possessed a biological, chemical and possibly nuclear arsenal. Former U.N. inspector Dr. David Kay sided with the administrations.

Kay now leads the Iraq Survey Group

(ISG), which has spent the last six months searching for any critical evidence to back up his old arguments. "The entire credibility of both the U.S. and British foreign policy and intelligence has been called into question by our inability to find the weapons immediately," Kay admits.

MAKING LEMONADE LOST IN LA MANCHA (8 p.m., IFC) A documentary look at director Terry Gilliam's doomed attempt to make a movie version of "Don Quixote" starring Johnny Depp.

Financing problems abound, but Gilliam continues to tilt at windmills before the snake-bit production is shut down after six days of shooting. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



Gilliam

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	Disney	Sister, Sister		Even Stevens		Sister, Sister	Lizzie	"Pixel Perfect" (2004) Ricky Ullman, Leah Pipes. [CC]		Sister, Sister	Boy World	Kim Possible	Proud Family	
	E!	High Price of Fame: Starved		E! News (N)		Style Star		Anna Nicole Smith: The E! True Hollywood Story [CC]		Celebrity Beauty Secrets		Howard Stern	Howard Stern	
	FX	★ ½ "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000) Ashton Kutcher.						★ ★ ½ "Dr. Dolittle 2" (2001, Comedy) Eddie Murphy.		Cops [CC]	Cops [CC]	★ ★ ½ "Dr. Dolittle 2"		
	HGTV	Before Aft	Building	Curb Appeal	House	Weekend	Landscapers	Divine Design	Designers'	House	House	House Detect	Extreme Hms	
	Family	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven "I Really Do" [CC]		★ ★ ½ "Fletch Lives" (1989) Chevy Chase, Hal Holbrook.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	700 Club [CC]		
	History	Deep Sea Detectives [CC]		Modern Marvels [CC]		Real Attila the Hun [CC]		Ivan the Terrible: Might		Caligula: Reign of Madness		Catacombs of Rome [CC]		
	Lifetime	Unsolved Mysteries [CC]		Golden Girls		Golden Girls		Nanny [CC]	Nanny [CC]	★ ★ ½ "A Cooler Climate" (1999, Drama)		Sally Field. [CC]	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	MTV	Taildaters (N)	Boiling Points	Direct Effect [CC]		Room Rdr		Sex 2k [CC]	Newlywed	Carmen-Dave	True Life [CC]	Newlywed	Carmen-Dave	
	NICK	U-Pick [CC]	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats [CC]	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Roseanne [CC]	Roseanne [CC]	
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		"Primal Force" (1999) Ron Perlman, Roxana Zal. [CC]				★ ★ ★ "Dog Soldiers" (2002) Sean Pertwee. [CC]						
	SPIKE	Cheers [CC]	Cheers [CC]	Star Trek: Next Gener.				Extreme		Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Spike/Movies	
	TBS	Home Imp.	Seinfeld [CC]	Seinfeld [CC]	Friends [CC]	★ "Wild Wild West" (1999) Will Smith, Kevin Kline. [CC]				(:10) ★ ★ ½ "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams. [CC] (DVS)				
	TLC	Clean Sweep		Secrets of Forensic Science		Repo Men: Stealing		Mostly True: Urban Legends		Against the Law		Repo Men: Stealing		
	TNT	Charmed [CC]		NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Cleveland Cavaliers. (Live) [CC]						NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. (Live) [CC]				
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger [CC]		JAG "The King of the Fleas"		Law & Order		★ ★ ½ "Six Days, Seven Nights" (1998) Harrison Ford, Anne Heche. [CC]				Real McCoy		
	VHI	Driven "Jessica Simpson"		★ ★ ★ "Moulin Rouge" (2001, Musical) Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor. [CC]						Bands Reunited [CC]		Getting Naked [CC]		
	SPAN.	TELEM	Corte-Pueblo	Noticiero	Pasión de Gavilanes		Amor Descarado		El Alma Herida		Mujeres Apasionadas		Noticiero Tel.	Laura
		UNIV	Viviana	Noticiero	Amar Otra Vez		Velo de Novia		Te Amaré en Silencio		Aquí y Ahora		Impacto	Noticiero
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) [CC]		NFL Live (N)		NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at New York Rangers. (Live) [CC]				Baseball Tonight (Live) [CC]		SportsCenter (Live) [CC]		
	ESPN2	Junior Hockey		College Basketball		North Carolina at Florida State. [CC]		College Basketball Richmond at Kansas. (Live) [CC]				Tennis: Australian Open		
	CSN	Football	SportsNite	ShipShape		On Campus		2003 ACC Tournament		Boxing: Harding vs. Johnson		SportsNite	College Basketball: Ore. at Ariz. St.	
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight [CC]		Anderson Cooper 360 [CC]		Paula Zahn Now [CC]		Larry King Live [CC]		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight		
	FCN	Special Report (Live) [CC]		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		Presidential Debate (Live)		Debate		Hannity & Colmes [CC]		On the Record		
	MSNBC	Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live) [CC]		Countdown-Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball [CC]		
MOVIES	AMC	(5:35) ★ ★ ★ "Live and Let Die" (1973) Roger Moore. 'PG'				★ ★ ★ "You Only Live Twice" (1967, Adventure) Sean Connery. 'PG'				★ ★ ★ ½ "From Russia With Love" (1963)				
	TCM	★ ★ ★ "All Through the Night" (1942) Humphrey Bogart.				★ ★ ★ ½ "Come Back, Little Sheba" (1952) Shirley Booth.				★ ★ "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" (1944) Lynn Bari. 'NR'				
	HBO	(:15) ★ ★ ½ "The Time Machine" (2002) Guy Pearce. [CC]				Inside the NFL [CC]		★ ½ "Showtime" (2002) Robert De Niro.		Big Bounce		Taxicab Confessions 2003		
	MAX	★ ★ ★ ½ "A Beautiful Mind" (2001) Russell Crowe. 'PG-13'				(:15) ★ ★ "Super Troopers" (2001) Jay Chandrasekhar.				★ "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever" (2002) 'R'		Peep Show		
	SHO	(:15) ★ ★ "Mad Dog Time" (1996) Ellen Barkin. 'R'				★ ★ ½ "Soldier's Girl" (2003) Troy Garity. iTV. [CC] 'R' [CC]				Chris Isaak (iTV) (N) [CC]		(:10:50) ★ ½ "Virtual Girl"		
	TMC	(:10) "Protection" (2001) Stephen Baldwin. [CC] 'R' [CC]				★ ★ "Clockstoppers" (2002) [CC] 'PG' [CC]		(:35) ★ ★ ★ "Changing Lanes" (2002) Ben Affleck. 'R' [CC]				Dahmer 'R'		
	STARZ!	(5:15) "Maid in Manhattan"		(:05) ★ ★ ★ "Top Gun" (1986) Tom Cruise. [CC] 'PG' [CC]				★ ★ ★ "Gangs of New York" (2002, Historical Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio. [CC] 'R' [CC]						
	ENCORE	House	★ ★ "V.I. Warshawski" (1991) [CC] 'R' [CC]		★ ★ ½ "Tequila Sunrise" (1988) Mel Gibson. [CC] 'R' [CC]				★ ★ ½ "Fast Times at Ridgemont High"		River's Edge			



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- Answering ACD calls from advertisers in an efficient manner necessary to keep lost calls to established standards;
- Contacting advertisers to collect delinquent dollars and to make payment arrangement for ads over our credit limit;
- Resolving a large volume of customer claims of advertising and billing errors and processing adjustments;
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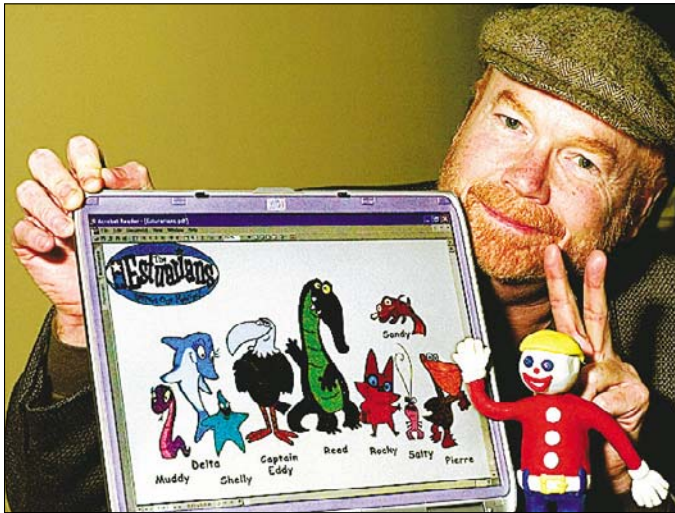
## BOGUS ACCOLADES 'Could I BE Any More Fun?'

"Friends" star **MATTHEW PERRY**, "the epitome of a hot Cosmo male," has been named Cosmopolitan's Fun Fearless Male for 2004. Editor-in-Chief Kate White described Perry, 34, as "handsome, charming and incredibly talented. Plus, he's retained his optimism and sense of humor through difficult personal relationships." (AP)



## CASTING Meet Mr. Focker Sr.

**DUSTIN HOFFMAN** has been cast as Ben Stiller's dad in "Meet the Fockers," the sequel to the 2000's "Meet the Parents." Robert DeNiro and Teri Polo are expected to recap their roles. In the film, Greg Focker's laid-back mom and dad meet his fiancée's uptight parental units. You-know-what ensues. (EXPRESS)



## ICONS All Together Now: "Oh Noooo!!!"

**MR. BILL**, the "Saturday Night Live" clay character from the 1970s whose misadventures usually left him squished, will be part of a campaign aimed at teaching children how Louisiana is losing its coastal marshes and swamps. "I wish I had a quick three-word synopsis for it other than maybe Mr. Bill says 'Ohh, noooo!!!" — the coastal erosion,"" said **WALTER WILLIAMS**, Mr. Bill's creator and a native of New Orleans. The campaign will be launched next summer with Mr. Bill aided by a gang of "**ESTUARIES**" — Salty the Shrimp, Eddy the Eagle and others. (AP)

## LITIGATION P. Diddy Playing Favorites

The ex-girlfriend of **SEAN "P. DIDDY" COMBS** says their 10-year-old son should get the same amount in child support — \$30,000 a month, she claims — as his other son gets. Misa Hylton-Brim testified Tuesday in Family Court in New Rochelle, N.Y., in her lawsuit seeking a raise from the monthly \$5,000 she now

gets for 10-year-old Justin. Her lawyer said the hip-hop entrepreneur pays about \$30,000 a month to support his 6-year-old son, Christian. The extra money, said her lawyer, is to keep up with expenses including private school, a full-time nanny and around-the-clock security. (AP)



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"The guy was fat ... And the food was inedible. I took one appetizer and I had to spit it into my napkin."

—NEW YORK MAYOR **MICHAEL BLOOMBERG**  
ON DINNER AT THE LATE DR. ROBERT ATKINS'S HOME.

## COURTNEY WATCH Feed and Be Fed Upon

Getting sued by the same lawyers with whom you attempted to sue — that's gotta hurt. California law firm Capello & McCann is claiming that former client **COURTNEY LOVE** owes \$228,926.49 for legal work performed in a suit against her former record label, according to documents acquired by TheSmokingGun.com. (The suit against Universal Music Group has since been settled.) A recent account statement suggests that Love ignored all bills from the firm after the initial retainer fee of



"Hee hee, I'm shy!" giggled Courtney.

\$50,000. Love has also been sued by an ex-landlord, former employees and a spa in Hawaii, noted the Web site. (EXPRESS)

## ATTORNEYS Lawyer With Tenuous Link To Jackson Case Weighs In

A former attorney for the mother of Michael Jackson's cancer-stricken accuser said the boy is in very poor health and his family is in seclusion, paying little attention to the high-profile legal fight. Attorney William Dickerman said Tuesday the boy had lost a kidney, his spleen and an adrenal gland in surgery to remove a large tumor. He said he is in touch with the family frequently,

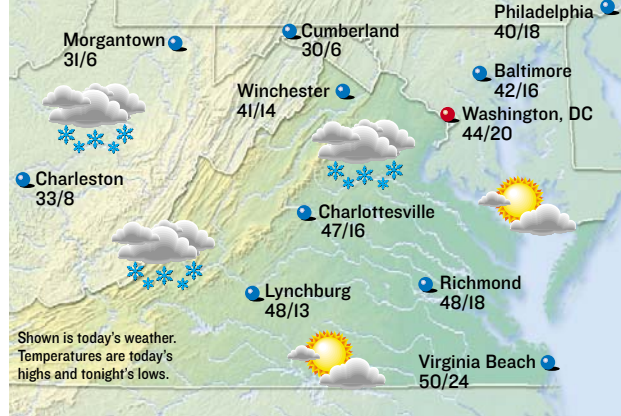
and has seen the boy within the last few weeks. "They're in hiding," he said. "They're very private people." Dickerman also said that based on what he knows of the evidence, the Santa Barbara County district attorney's office has a strong case. (AP)

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## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly sunny and windy <b>44°</b>	Partly cloudy, brisk and cold <b>20°</b>	Mostly sunny, blustery, and colder <b>30° / 18°</b>	A chance for snow or flurries <b>32° / 22°</b>	Snow, sleet and rain possible in the p.m. <b>35° / 26°</b>	Mostly cloudy with a chance for drizzle <b>36° / 30°</b>

## Regional Weather



## Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.  
**Temperature**  
High ..... 31°  
Low ..... 19°  
Normal high ..... 42°  
Normal low ..... 27°  
Average humidity ..... 40%

## Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. .... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.90"  
Normal month to date ..... 2.21"  
Year to date ..... 0.90"  
Last year to date .....  
Normal year to date ..... 2.22"

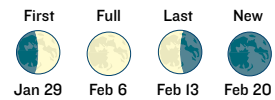
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## Regional Forecast

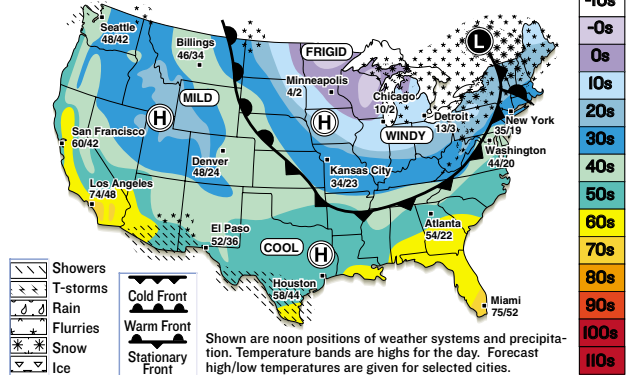
**D.C. Metro:** Today, partly sunny, windy. High 44. Wind west 12-25 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, breezy, cold. Low 20. Wind northwest 10-20 mph.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 7:22 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 5:17 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 8:21 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 6:15 p.m.



## National Weather for Thursday, January 22



## National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	54/22/pc	41/35/s
Boston	34/18/c	23/10/pc
Chicago	10/2/pc	24/15/c
Dallas	56/38/pc	56/48/c
Denver	48/24/s	57/23/s
Honolulu	82/69/pc	81/68/sh
Los Angeles	74/48/s	74/48/s
Miami	75/52/s	70/49/s
New York City	35/19/pc	25/15/pc
Orlando	68/42/s	64/40/s
Seattle	48/42/r	48/38/pc

## World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	39/36/sn	46/39/c
Athens	39/19/sn	30/21/pc
Berlin	22/16/pc	26/19/pc
Buenos Aires	84/61/pc	81/61/s
Calgary	44/28/pc	41/10/pc
Dublin	55/45/pc	55/35/r
Geneva	34/24/pc	40/30/c
Moscow	16/0/sf	15/14/sn
Rome	37/23/s	37/26/c
Sydney	91/59/pc	74/60/t
Tokyo	37/25/s	41/32/pc

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# Playback

## Letters

### TO THE EDITOR

AS A CONTRACTOR, a one-hour delay on Metro is an hour I don't get paid. I would never expect to be reimbursed, nor would I ask. However, I would ask for understanding from Metro that the delay is not just "the inconvenience" that Metro is constantly apologizing for; it cost me far more than the gas and parking had I opted to drive instead.

There are still enough consistent delays each week for me to seriously consider abandoning mass transit.

—GEORGE A. DUTHIE  
Centreville, Va.

I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION that no matter how much we complain, Metro does not care about its passengers enough to improve service. Wednesday was another day of chaos, late trains, out of service escalators and overcrowded trains — and people say we have the best service in the nation? I'd trade for New York MTA service any day, as it is reliable.

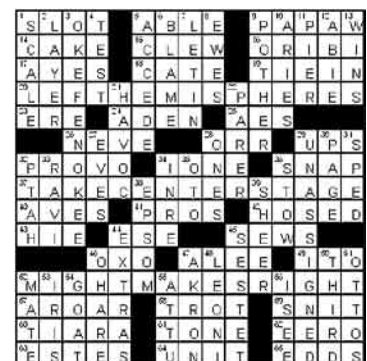
I just hope that a fare hike ("Metro Shortfall May Lead to Cuts," Jan. 16) will improve rail service and put more cars in service to alleviate the problems during rush hour.

—VALENCIA HARKLESS  
Suitland, Md.

### WRITE TO EXPRESS

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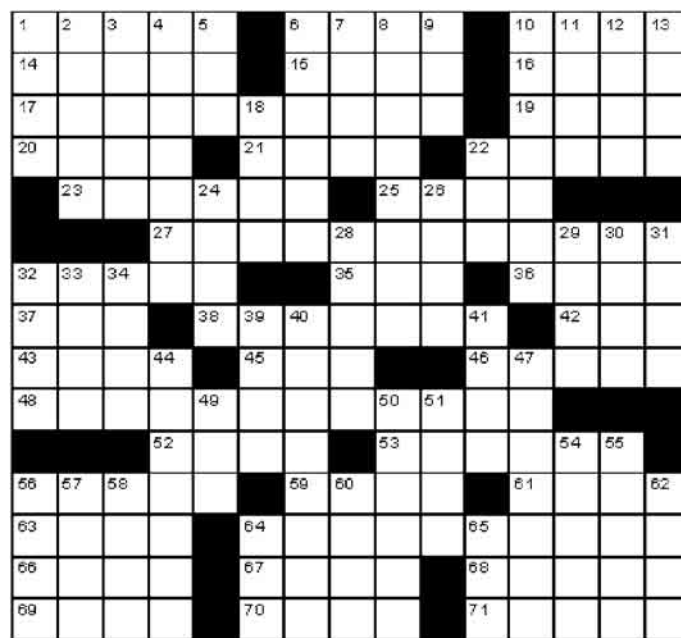
### Yesterday's Solution



### Crossword Puzzle: Third Shift | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

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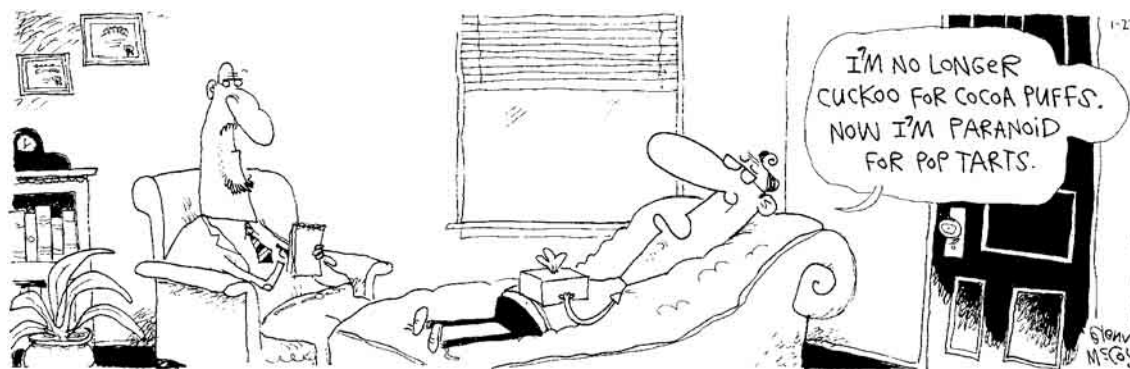
- 1 Radical
- 6 Commuted
- 10 Roofer's supply item
- 14 Scattered seeds
- 15 One less from never?
- 16 Olfactory offense
- 17 A shelf in a kitchen cabinet?
- 19 Blueprint
- 20 What's left over
- 21 A way through the building
- 22 Crossword topic
- 23 Sets of fence steps
- 25 Nimbus
- 27 Air conditioning company worker?
- 32 Low cards
- 35 Classic car
- 36 Former ruler of Iran
- 37 Gun the engine
- 38 Painter Pablo
- 42 Take advantage of
- 43 Fateful day
- 45 Made a lap
- 46 Linguini, e.g.
- 48 Where to deposit your mail?
- 52 Fence the loot
- 53 Joined, permanently
- 56 They have seats
- 59 \_\_\_\_ Bator, Mongolia
- 61 Potpourri



- 63 Medicinal plant
- 64 Coffee shop's finest offering?
- 66 Bodybuilder's exercise
- 67 Remain unsettled
- 68 Gave stars to
- 69 Award for TV programming
- 70 Lost
- 71 Certain hearings
- 7 Many a toy train track
- 8 Adjudges
- 9 Before, before
- 10 Astaire props
- 11 Wait for the green
- 12 Sandy soil
- 13 Sea eagle
- 18 Author Silverstein
- 22 State starter?

- 24 Speech impediment
- 26 Abduction vehicles, supposedly
- 28 Muse of poetry
- 29 Ergo
- 30 Bridge position
- 31 Flightless South American bird
- 32 Stumble
- 33 Bring on the decorator
- 34 Holiday forerunners
- 39 Wight or Skye
- 40 Nabs
- 41 Gemstone from Down Under
- 44 Majestic
- 47 "Mission to Glory" star
- 49 Stomach muscles
- 50 Congo neighbor
- 51 Take care of
- 54 Best of the best
- 55 Blue plate special spot
- 56 Display anxiety, in a way
- 57 Grad
- 58 Standard
- 60 Byway
- 62 Vegas quote
- 64 Student's concern, briefly
- 65 Miracle-\_\_\_\_ (garden brand)

### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



### Horoscope | Stella Wilder

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — A minor discovery can bring you major gains. Don't let too much time go by before asking for your reward.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — A quick count-up should reveal that you have more time and more money to enjoy once you've responded to that important call.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Don't be suspicious of the occasional whisper. Some things are better left unknown; you may want the surprise that's coming.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Seek out a new friend with similar interests to yours. Certain activities are always more fun with someone special by your side.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Make plans for a short trip in the near future. You deserve something special to look forward to.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — You may be distracted by what others call reality, but focus more on those issues that transcend routine affairs.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — A promise comes your way, which you will remember for some time — regardless of whether it ever really comes to anything. Your attitude is shifting.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — This is a good day to get others to do what you want them to do — without looking like the bad guy in the long run. Teamwork is your goal.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — You can learn from yourself, without the need for a middleman. Take the advice you've been giving others; it applies to you as well.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — You have a great capacity for concentration, and you can focus on one thing; free yourself, however, to entertain other interests.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — You'll be enlightened. Take the time to explore new avenues of expression — personally and professionally.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — A few kind words can go a long way. You can be complimentary when you want to be; don't be stingy with that side of yourself.

### LIVE ONLINE

## Reliable Source

From [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

The Post's "Reliable Source" columnist **RICHARD LEIBY** was online Wednesday to chew the fat.

Welcome. Thanks for eating at your desks. First, an advisory: A new site called [wonkette.com](http://wonkette.com) (which is still in beta-prototype and password-protected) has already judged my chat the most boring on the entire Post site. We'll just have to show this Wonkette person how juicy we can get, OK? Proceed.

### What's up with the Smithsonian "outsourcing" archival work to the Philippines? What an outrage!

See my advisory. We can't do "outsourcing" or dentist questions. I am outraged by this development, if it's true, but I will reserve my spittle-spewing performance for after my third-place finish in the Iowa caucuses. OK?

### Did they base the Smeagol character in "Lord of the Rings" on James Carville? Both are sneaky-looking, devious and conniving. I don't know who's uglier though.

That's more like it!

I've gotta ask — who was the woman wearing the horrible Day-Glo pink suit during the State of the Union address? Her staff should be fired for letting her out of the office with that on.

I dunno, I dozed off after the president started talking about Medicare and sexual abstinence. I do recall hearing a gentle voice saying something about "uranium from Africa" and "I never meant to tell you that last year," but it turned out I was only dreaming.

As for the woman in pink, I can't ID here. I can only direct you to the front page picture in The New York Times, where the president appears to be at the center of a scrum of supportive women in red suits.

### Today on Live Online

**NOON:** Author David Shenk discusses the PBS special "The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's."

**2 P.M.:** Post Education columnist Evelyn Vuko, Dr. David Goodman and San Francisco Giants pitcher Scott Eyre discuss success despite undiagnosed or late-diagnosed learning disorders.

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